

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 2, as follows:

As shown in FIGS. 6 and 7, the MEMS mirror array 230 has nine tilt variable mirrors 102 and one fixed mirror 231. The tilt variable mirrors 102 are aligned in the matrix with three rows and three columns. The fixed mirror 231 is placed at outer peripheral portions of appropriate tilt variable mirrors 102. In other words, it is positioned between appropriate two tilt variable mirrors 102. That is, the fixed mirror 231 [[103]] is off the matrix with three rows and three columns.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 12, as follows:

The number of the tilt variable mirrors 102 of the MEMS mirror array 230 is just an example, and it is not restricted to nine, and any other number may be adopted. Furthermore, the number of the fixed mirror 231 [[103]] is not restricted to one, and it is good enough that the MEMS mirror array 230 has at least one fixed mirror 231 [[103]]. Moreover, the arrangement of the tilt variable mirrors 102 is not restricted to three rows and three columns, and an arbitrary matrix with n rows and m columns (n and m are both natural numbers) may be used.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 23, as follows:

As shown in FIG. 8, the tilt variable mirrors 102 and the fixed mirror 231 are manufactured from the same mirror substrate 232. Therefore, a reflection coat surface 104 of each tilt variable mirror 102 and a reflection coat surface 104 of the fixed mirror 231 are positioned on the same surface 107.